

## **Ratepayer Roll: Public Notice wording for council websites May 2025**

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS ON 11 OCTOBER 2025**

Local authority elections will be held on **Saturday, 11 October** this year. This notice tells you how to enrol, and who can enrol as a ratepayer elector, so you can vote in the elections.

The Electoral Roll closes on **Friday 1 August 2025**. If you enrol after this date, you will need to cast a 'special vote' at the election.

You can vote by post. Make sure you are on the Electoral Roll to receive your postal voting document.

#### **You can only enrol once**

You can only enrol, or be nominated to enrol, once in a council district, no matter how many properties you own in that council district.

#### **What 'Council District' means in this Notice**

'Council district' includes:

- city, district and regional council areas
- a community board area, if established
- the area of Auckland Council and the local boards.

#### **Residential Electors**

If you are registered to vote in Parliamentary elections (a Parliamentary elector), you are automatically enrolled as a residential elector to vote in local authority elections. The address where you are registered as a Parliamentary elector must be in the council district for the local authority elections.

#### **Ratepayer Electors**

You may be eligible to enrol as a non-resident ratepayer elector in a council district if both of these apply:

- you are on the district valuation roll and pay rates in the council district
- the address where you are registered as a Parliamentary elector is **outside** that council district.

Your eligibility to enrol or be nominated as a ratepayer may also depend on your individual circumstances as determined by criteria in the Local Electoral Act 2001 and its regulations.

### **An organisation can nominate one of its members or officers to vote on its behalf**

Any organisation, firm, company, trust, corporation or society or association that pays rates on one or more properties in a council district may nominate one of its members or officers to be the ratepayer elector.

The person nominated must consent to the nomination and not be enrolled or nominated as a ratepayer elector for any other property. The person nominating **and** the nominated person must be registered as Parliamentary electors at addresses **outside** the council district where the property is located.

### **If more than one person pays rates on the same property**

If partners, joint tenants and tenants in common collectively pay rates on a property in a council district, **one of the group** may be nominated to go on the Electoral Roll. The person nominating **and** the nominated person must be registered as Parliamentary electors at addresses **outside** the council district where the property is located.

### **Existing Ratepayer Electors should have received an enrolment confirmation form**

New Electoral Rolls are compiled every three years for the local authority elections.

You should already have an enrolment confirmation form or other advice on your ratepayer elector status if:

- you were enrolled as a ratepayer elector for the 2022 local authority elections, or since then
- you enrolled or were nominated as a ratepayer elector.

### ***Do not have your enrolment confirmation form?***

Contact the local council you pay rates to if:

- you are still waiting to receive your Enrolment Confirmation Form or other advice about your non-resident ratepayer status
- you have misplaced your Enrolment Confirmation Form.

### **New Ratepayer Electors who wish to enrol or nominate a Ratepayer Elector**

If you think you may be eligible to enrol or to nominate someone as a ratepayer elector:

- go to [www.ratepayer.co.nz](http://www.ratepayer.co.nz) to check your eligibility
- get an Enrolment Form for Ratepayer Electors from the local council where you pay your rates
- get this form early so you can get answers to any questions you have about the form or being on the Electoral Roll before the roll closes on Friday 1 August 2025.

Your local council's Electoral Officer will be able to help you with your application:

- phone (09) 973 5212
- email [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz)

This public notice is issued pursuant to section 39(1)(a), Local Electoral Act 2001.

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